## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

Debtors. 1

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

AMERINAT'S JOINDER AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF THE OPPOSITION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, THE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, AND THE PUERTO RICO PUBLIC BUILDINGS AUTHORITY TO THE FEBRUARY 4, 2022 MOTION FOR STAY PENDING APPEAL [DKT. NO. 20115]

COMES NOW AmeriNational Community Services, LLC (hereafter "AmeriNat") as servicer for the GDB Debt Recovery Authority (the "DRA") authorized to pursue and enforce the DRA's rights and remedies in any legal proceeding, including the DRA's participation as a creditor in the instant Title III case, by and through the undersigned legal counsel, and respectfully submits this joinder and reservation of rights (the "Joinder") in support of the Opposition of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Employees Retirement System of the Government of the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("Commonwealth") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Building Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19 BK 5523-LTS(Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority to the February 4, 2022 Motion for Stay Pending Appeal [Dkt. No. 20115] (the "Opposition"):

#### **JOINDER**

- 1. On February 4, 2022, the Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito Abraham Rosa,
  Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito de Ciales, Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito de Rincón,
  Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito Vega Alta, Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito Dr. Manuel Zeno
  Gandía, and Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito de Juana Díaz (collectively, the "Cooperativas")
  filed the Credit Union's Joint Motion for Stay Pending Appeal of Order and Judgment
  Confirming Modified Eighth Amended Title III Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of
  Puerto Rico, Et. Als., requesting that the Court stay the implementation of the confirmed Plan²
  while the Cooperativas' appeal to the First Circuit Court of Appeal is pending (the "Stay Pending
  Appeal") [Dkt. No. 20035].
- 2. On February 11, 2022, the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "FOMB"), as the Title III representative of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Commonwealth"), the Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS"), and the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (collectively, the "Debtors") filed the Opposition to the Stay Pending Appeal indicating that (i) the Cooperativas do not satisfy the requirements to obtain a stay pending appeal under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8007; and (ii) if the Court were to be inclined to grant a stay in this case, the same must be conditioned on the Teachers' Association posting a supersedeas bond of at least \$1.5 billion under Rule 8007(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. See Dkt. No. 20115.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Joinder shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Stay Pending Appeal and the Opposition.

3. AmeriNat files this Joinder to express their support of the Opposition. In particular, AmeriNat agrees that any stay pending appeal that may be issued in this case must be conditioned on the posting of a substantial supersedeas bond to cover the harm such stay will inflict on non-moving parties (like the DRA) if the Effective Date of the Plan is delayed. *Id.* at ¶ 49. Therefore, AmeriNat agrees with the FOMB that a bond of no less than \$1.5 billion is appropriate under these circumstances.

# **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

4. AmeriNat reserve all rights and remedies with respect to the Stay Pending Appeal and the Opposition, including but not limited to, the right to file additional submissions or pleadings with the Court on this matter.

### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**: In accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9014(b), Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7004(b), and the Court's *Fifteenth Amended Notice, Case Management and Administrative Procedures Order* (Dkt. No. 17127-1) (the "CMP Order"), we hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing was sent by electronic mail upon all the parties listed in the Master Service List and by U.S. mail upon all the Standard Parties listed in the CMP Order.

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